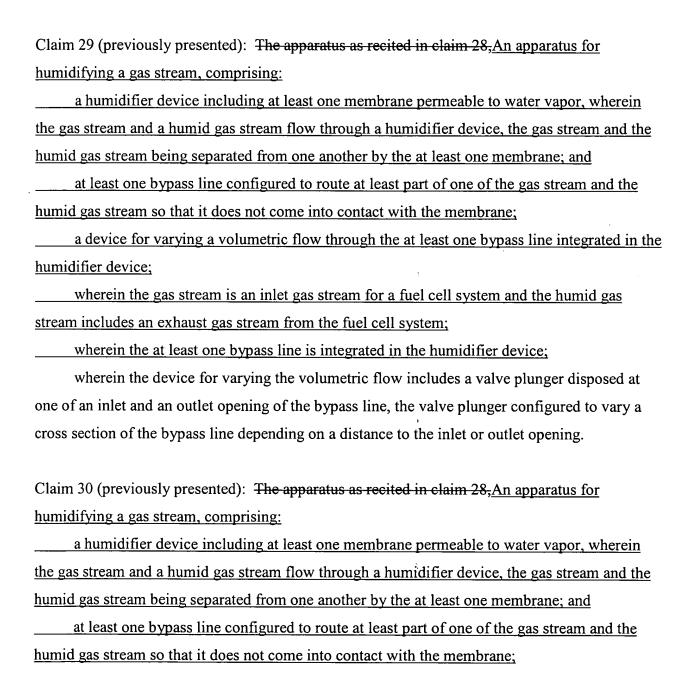
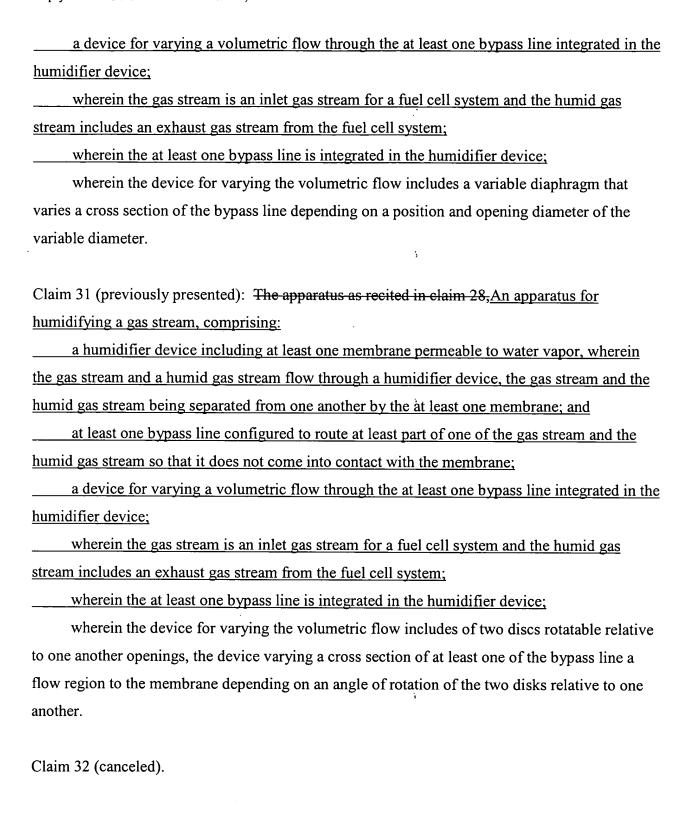
IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 20 to 28, 32 and 34 to 39 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 29 to 31 and 33 have been amended. The following listing of claims is provided as a courtesy to the Examiner:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-28 (cancelled)





Claim 33 (currently amended): The apparatus as recited in claim 32, An apparatus for humidifying a gas stream, comprising:

a humidifier device including at least one membrane permeable to water vapor, wherein
the gas stream and a humid gas stream flow through a humidifier device, the gas stream and the
humid gas stream being separated from one another by the at least one membrane; and
at least one bypass line configured to route at least part of one of the gas stream and the
humid gas stream so that it does not come into contact with the membrane;
a device for varying a volumetric flow through the at least one bypass line integrated in the
humidifier device;
a further humidifier device disposed downstream of the device, wherein the humid gas
stream is routed into the further humidifier device so as to humidify a further gas stream;
wherein the gas stream is an inlet gas stream for a fuel cell system and the humid gas
stream includes an exhaust gas stream from the fuel cell system;
wherein the at least one bypass line is integrated in the humidifier device;
wherein the further gas stream is a feed air passing into a gas generation device of the fuel
cell system.

Claims 34 to 39 (canceled).